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## HIKES AND PROGRAMS rev. 0

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.

\*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area and all entry or recreation fees apply.

We would like to warmly thank our volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the monthly Red Rock Canyon hikes and programs.

### Hikes

**Fri. 2nd, White Rock-Sandstone:** Trek with Chris through the north end of Red Rock Canyon and explore the area above Keystone Thrust on this 7 mile hike to the edge of the La Madre Mountains. Great views with the opportunity to see wildlife. Moderate-strenuous, 1300' gain.

**Sat. 3rd, Peppe's Backpack Endurance Training/New Year's Resolution and Potluck Hike:** Join Peppe on his annual New Year's Resolution and Pot Luck hike along the Grand Circle Trail where you will carry 1/3 of your body weight in your pack (simulating what you would use for a back packing trip-food, water, shelter, etc.) for endurance training. Be sure to include your food for the potluck in the weight limit of your pack. You will also learn how to pack your backpack for camping, etc. Ages 18+. 13 miles, strenuous.

**Sat. 3rd, Lost Creek to Upper White Rock:** Hike with Pat along the escarpment and look for birds and animals. Ages 12+, limited space. 4 miles, moderate

### **Mon. January 5th, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19th, 26<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Rock:**

5<sup>th</sup> Hike with Jen to the Red Spring trail for a desert overview. Then, head up a small mountain known as Calico Hills for a slightly different perspective on Red Rock Canyon. Moderate, 5-6 miles.

12<sup>th</sup> In the Spring, this hike with Jen is covered with blooming flowers. Let's see what the winter is like for those flowers waiting to arrive in a few months. The path has some uphill and downhill sections, but there is no rock scrambling. 4-5 miles, moderate.

19<sup>th</sup> Typically a mountain bike and horse trail, Mustang Loop will have you rolling right along the path by foot as you explore the cool and vast desert landscape with Jen. 4 miles, moderate

26<sup>th</sup> In the Fossil Ridge area, you will hike to a naturally formed cave that has 9 different levels. You will explore the caves with Jen in search of evidence of our desert's oceanic past and how this cave came to be. Ages 10+. 3-4 miles, moderate. **Bring a headlamp or flashlight**

**Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Circle: Part 1:** Join Carleton and Carol for the Grand Circle Trail divided into 3 parts. In part 1, we'll hike from the Visitor Center to Lost Creek and carpool back. 4.5 miles, moderate, 801' gain.

**Tues. 6th, Cave Canyon:** Climb through the longest canyon on Blue Diamond Hill with Chris on this 6 mile hike that will include a short visit to one of the natural caves carved into the cliff wall. Mostly trail, but some bouldering. Limited space. Moderate-strenuous. **Bring a flashlight.**

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Grand Circle: Part 2:** Join Carleton and Carol for part 2 of the Grand Circle Trail. We'll hike from Lost Creek to Sandstone Quarry and carpool back. 4.7 miles, moderate

**Sun. 11th, Exploring Calico Hills & Calico Tanks:** Start this 4 mile hike scrambling adventure with George at Sandstone Quarry to Red Cap, over to Calico Tanks, then to Boy Scout Overlook. On top you'll experience a spectacular view overlooking Red Rock. Strenuous

**Tues. 13th, Calico Hills Loop:** Start from Calico Basin with Chris and loop around the west side of the Calico Hills. From Sandstone Quarry, ascend into scenic Gateway Canyon with some exciting boulder scrambling. Limited space. 9 miles, strenuous.

**. Fri. 16th, Cave Canyon/Fossil Ridge:** Join Claire for this 3.5 mile hike through Cave Canyon and up to Fossil Ridge. We'll look for fossils throughout the hike and take in the incredible views of the Conservation Area from the ridge. Ages 10+, limited space. Moderate with some bouldering.

**Sat. 17th, Arnicht-Knoll Trail:** Hike with Pat along the escarpment while looking for animals. Ages 12+, limited space. 4 miles, moderate.

**Tues. 20th, Turtlehead:** Join Chris on the traditional route to the top of the peak overshadowing the Calico Hills and Red Rock. The trail to the saddle is steep and loose, so hiking sticks are recommended. Limited space. 5 miles, strenuous, 1900' gain.

**Sat. 24th, La Madre Spring and Beyond:** This hike with Bob features a climb through different life zones, a major spring, great scenery and fresh air, and a sense that you are close to mountain lion habitat. Ages 10+. 6 miles, moderate.

**Tues. 27th, Grand Circle:** Take the full tour of Red Rock Canyon with Chris on this 12 mile hike that offers open views of the entire area. Allow 5-6 hours for the trek, including rest stops. Limited space. Strenuous.

**. Fri. 30th, Calico Hills /Moenkopi Loop:** Join Claire for this 3 mile hike to, and around, the base of the Calico Hills to Calico Two, then take the Moenkopi Trail back to the Visitor Center. We'll get up close to the famous red rock of Red Rock as well as check out the construction progress of the new Visitor Center. Ages 10+, limited space. Easy/moderate.

**Sat. 31st, Hidden Forest at Sandstone Quarry:** Hike with Pat in the Sandstone Quarry area in a loop that goes to Hidden Forest". Some scrambling is involved. Ages 12+, limited space. 4 miles, moderate.

### **Visitor Center programs :** **Thurs. 1st, Visitor Center closed for the holiday**

**Fri. January 2nd , 23<sup>th</sup> , 30<sup>th</sup> Red Rock Up Close:** Take a close look at the flora, fauna or geology of Red Rock and the surrounding Mojave Desert with Carleton and Carol during this presentation at Visitor Center. On-going from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. No sign-up required.

**Sat. 3rd, Features & Fun:** Start your hiking day off with a power point overview with Bob of scenic highlights, fun things-to-do and interesting animals at Red Rock Canyon. On-going at the Visitor Center at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. No sign-up required.

**Tues. January 6th , Bats in our Belfry:** Go batty with Ranger Jim and learn about the mammal man has tried to emulate. This is an on-going program at the Visitor Center from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. No sign-up required.

**Fri. January 13<sup>th</sup> and 24th, Euro-cultural Impacts of Red Rock Canyon:** Join Ranger Jim for a power point presentation and discussion on the history of Red Rock Canyon at the Visitor Center. No sign-up required, on-going from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

**Sun. 18th, Grand Circle Part 3:** Join Carleton and Carol for part 3 of the Grand Circle Trail. We'll hike from Sandstone Quarry to the Visitor Center and carpool back. 2.8 miles, moderate.

**Sat. January 20<sup>th</sup> , Geology of Southern Nevada:** Join Ranger Jim for a power point discussion on the geology of Red Rock Canyon. On-going at the Visitor Center from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. No sign-up required.

**Sat. 24th, La Madre Spring and Beyond:** This hike with Bob features a climb through different life zones, a major spring, great scenery and fresh air, and a sense that you are close to mountain lion habitat. Ages 10+. 6 miles, moderate.

**Tues. 27th, Predators of S. Nevada:** Ranger Jim will present an on-going power point talk and discussion about the wild things of S. Nevada from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM at the Visitor Center. No sign-up required

### **Kid programs**

**Fri. 2nd, Leaping Lizards:** Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about lizards in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn interesting facts, do activities and discover how cool lizards really are. Limited space

**Sat. 10<sup>h</sup> , Jr. Naturalists:** Kids will love to come to Red Rock for a fun program with Jen about the mountain lions in the Mojave Desert. Participants will get to learn cool facts, hear a story and complete a special art project. Ages 2-5, limited space.

**Fri. 16th, Lovely Ladybugs:** Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about ladybugs. Children will learn how lovely ladybugs really are, do a hands on activity, a craft and so much more. Limited space.

**Sat. 17th, Stories from the Stones:** Come hear a few of the many stories from Native American culture about why things are the way that they are. Fun for all ages, bring the kids out with you to participate in simple crafts and games from past times. On-going at the Visitor Center from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. No sign-up required.

**Sat. 24th, Torts for Tots:** Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about the desert tortoise. Children will learn interesting facts, do handson activities and discover how amazing Nevada's state reptile really is. Limited space.

**Fri. 30th, Flying High with the Birds:** Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about the birds of Red Rock Canyon. Children will learn interesting facts, participate in an activity and discover how spectacular birds really are! Limited space

**Fri. 31st, Slitherin' Snakes:** Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2- 6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about the different types of snakes in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn interesting facts, do activities and discover how amazing snakes really are! Limited space

### **Other programs**

**Sat. 10th and Sun. 11th, Two Night Camping Trip with Peppe:** Join Peppe for this weekend camping trip at the Red Rock Campground. You will hike or run during the day, picking your own routes. In the evening, we will tell fun stories and have programs discussing hiking/ camping tips. Ages 18+,limited space.

**Sun. January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Mountain Bike Madness:** No experience is necessary for this introductory mountain bike ride with Jen and John starting from the Late Night parking area. The 6 miler will be a great way to start new to the sport or dust off an old frame. **Helmets are required.** Ages 10+, limited space.

**Thurs. January 9<sup>th</sup> and 28th Canyon Clean-up:** Join Janis and help keep Red Rock beautiful by picking up trash on one of the trails. Have fun, volunteer and meet great people! Easy.

**Fri. 23rd, Winter Book Club:** Join Janis for our winter book club. We will be discussing the book Outlaw Tales of Nevada by Charles L. Convie. Discount given at Red RockGift Store.

### **Other Area Hikes and programs presented by the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and Interagency Volunteers**

**These locations are outside of Red Rock Canyon on Bureau of Land Management land\*.**

**Sun. 18th, Muddy Mountain Wilderness-N Bowl of Fire:** This 3.3 mile hike with George is one of the best in North Bowl of Fire. We'll hike by the Ant Eater Rock, pass under Dark Vader Hamlet and lunch with an awesome view of the valley. Moderate/strenuous.

**Sun. 25th, Black Mountain:** Join Carleton and Carol for a hike to the top of Black Mountain. We'll have wonderful views of Lake Mead, Las Vegas Valley, the Spring Mountains and surrounding area from the top. We'll discuss the volcanic history of the mountain. Ages 10+.

**Sun. 25th, Muddy Mountain Wilderness-Hidden Valley:** In this majestic valley of Aztec Sandstone, you'll discover ancient artifacts, a natural spring and much more with George. 5 miles,moderate.

**\*The Bureau of Land Management does not assume responsibility for these programs including loss or injury on land outside of its jurisdiction.**

**Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE®**

**Plan ahead and prepare**

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**

**Dispose of Waste Properly**

**Leave what you find**

**Minimize Campfire impact**

**Respect Wildlife**

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

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